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- 1. LIFAIL departed Ciudad Trujillo at 0900 hours on 23 September 1959, via PAA Flight No. 432, due to arrive in Hiami, Fla. at 1500 hours on the same date. He held International Passport No. 478, issued by Dominican Immigration on 22 September 1959, containing a U. S. transit vica.
- 2. LIFAIL was brought to this Station late on the afternoon of 9 September 1959 by the U. S. Consul, who said he had a crazy man we should talk to. We accepted the young man and the Consul departed.
- 3. After being cortain as to LIFAIL's identity, efforts were made to calm him. He paced the floor, wrung his hands and breathed heavily, stating several times that he must got to Mexico City. He caid he came to the Buninican Republic about 15 July 1939 from Mexico City and roported to General FERAZA; that Santiage REV cent him. FEIRAZA sent him to Las Culdoras, D.R. for training with critics. There were about one hundred Cubans and about two hundred others at Iao Calderas, all of when were later transferred to Constants, D.R. for countain training. He could not break down, he said, the nationalities of 200 non-Cuban trainees, except to say that there were a few Spaniards. LIFAIL cald he was given intensive training in the use, breakdown and assembly of light machine gum. After three weeks of this training, he told a doctor, Cuban, name not known, that he was having serious trouble with his left lause and had to get to a hospital in Ciudad Trujillo. Soon thoreafter, the doctor, and five others with the doctor's consent, including LIFAIL, bearded a bus for Giudad Trujillo and upon arrival ally scattered. He has not seen the others since. There would be interest in kneed of the identity of the doctor. The officer in charge of Las Calderas was a Colonal) HAEZ. The officer who transferred the trainess to Constant, and is in charge of training there is a Yugoslav, mane not known, and is called, "Coronal YUCOMAV". montered in consider of Cuban
- DR. of Calon Cycle 1959 4. Egloro leaving the Pas Hotel in Ciudad Trujillo for Lan Calderna Milli stated, a Cuban when he did not know asked him about his passport. (This was not Antonio ASOTO Vacques, per TRUJ 0637). LIFAIL replied that he would take his passport with his to Las Calderas but in fact he put it in the bottem of a valise, which he left in a closet in his hotel room. When he returned to Ciudad Trujillo, about 12 August 1959, he discovered that his passport had been stelen. He questioned several of the Cubans living in the hotel and one of them told him to shut up, that passparts were for the revolution. He then looked for Santiago RET who, he claimed, was supposed to have gone to Mexico City and returned to Ciuded Trujillo by that time. He could not understand thy REY had not come back. He waited a few days and then telephoned RET, locating him in Mexico City. RET caid he could not come to Ciudad Trujillo at that time, could not do enything for LIFAIL immediately and told LIFAIL to wait. LIPAIL was questioned vigorously about the thoft of his passport and he stuck to his story.
- 5. LIFAIL then went to PEIRAZA several times, explained his dilcama, said he had to got to Mexico and asked FEURAZA for his assistance. FEURAZA told him, "no", to leave the hotel and go back to training. LIFAIL then went to Folix URIES, Chief of Dominican Imaigration and, as such, assistant to John W. ABEES Carcia, Chief of Dezinican Intelligence. He said he visited URIES several times and gave him several

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paperet photos. URIBE told LIPAIL nothing could be done unless LIPAIL obtained a lotter from FEERAZA requesting the issuance of documentation. LIPAIL them violted the American Embacoy where the receptionist directed him to the Administrative efficer said to could not do anything for LIPAIL and sent him away. LIPAIL then went back to FEERAZA and URIBE and pleaded with each to no avail. He went to the Administrative efficer in the Embacoy again, on 9 September 1939, who sent him to the U.S. Consul, in another building, uptown. His garpoce, he emplained, in going to the Embacoy was to report that his stolen passport had turned up at Misai, Florida; that a friend in Misai, who had been inquiring regularly at Issignation in Misai, telephoned LIPAIL and reported that the stolen passport had been used by another to enter the U.S. But, he stated, no one would listen to him and he was afraid to tell too much.

- 6. LIPAIL was genuinely frightened. He stated he had paid his hotel bill on the night of 8 September at the request of the deak elerk, who told him not to come back; that the clock said he had ordere to that effect. LIPAIL construed this to mean that FEIDAZA had so ordered. He said Cuban friends had informed him that FEIDAZA had ordered that no more Subans would be permitted to leave the Dominican Republic without his comeant, and that Dominican Intelligence was honoring that. He learned that Subans who had reported to FEIDAZA, at the latter's request, had been arrested and had disappeared; that if LIPAIL went to FEIDAZA again, he would have to go back to training with the excless or be imprisoned; that as he, LIPAIL, had participated in the training and had seen what was going on, FEIDAZA certainly would not parmit him to leave.
- 7. Added to this, Liphil stated that Santingo REV had told PREMAZA that Livail was an agent for the American Embassy in Hexico City and that, certainly, Fernal had repeated this to Deminican Intelligence. He related that a girl maned LUCHA, veriding in Deminican Intelligence, had told him to be careful as he was being investigated; that FARMAN inco that LIVAIL had dealt with several fidelistas in Outs, had probably misuaderstood the reason for this and undoubtedly had reported the inferention to Dominican Intolligence; that friends had corned him that plainelethes con had been mining impulsies fold him at the Rus Hotal. LIFAIL also stated that he had reported the their of his prospert to the police. This information would automatically to referred by the police to Duminian Entelligence. These facts, plus his not havin a cofula, no passport or other identification, and his idleness, made LIFAIL complete of committery affect and he was affaid to be seen on the streets. His clothing and toilot articles had been placed in the room of a friend at the hetel. He had \$100 in bills of which (20 were placed in the Station case and he was allowed to keep \$20. (This consy was later returned to LIFAIL and \$69.30 of it was used to buy his air ticket to Mani.) In the absence of the Chief of Mission at the time, his secretary was asked about the possibility of temporary acylum of a Cuban mational in the Babassy for a few days. The secretary stated that this scald not be done. (Putting LIPAIL in another hotel, apartment house, or bearding house was not possible because of strictly-enforced laws requiring a codula or other acceptable identification).
- 8. After darkness, not knowing what eles to do with LIVAIL, he was taken to COS' howe and properly provided for. He was introduced under a false mane, as a friend from Guatemala. The convents were allowed to hear the same information and no questions were acided. A official statement was obtained from LIVAIL, dated 9 Eoptember, explaining that he had not acided for acylum in GOS' home and was staying there because of lack of funds and during inquiry concerning his passport. The original of this statement is attached for Headquarter's records.

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LIFAIL was taken out late one night, wearing dark glasses and a cap, and allowed to telephone his friend, Humberto CANCIO Gonzales, whom he described as a former Lt. Col. in the Cuban Marines under BATISTA, and a former Cuban Attache in Washington. CANCIO is a Cuban exile and was waiting for an issufgrant view to the U.S. He got the visa and departed Ciudad Trujillo on 17 September 1959. As requested by LIFAIL, CANCIO came in a taxi to the yard of the Embassy and delivered LIFAIL's personal possessions in the darkness of shrubbery, while COS stood nearby in the dark to protect him.

10. Others who warned LIPAIL, he stated, in addition to CANCIO, were Teresa, the wife of Laureano IBARRA, Cuban, living on Calle Pasteur, near Ave. Independencia. IBARRA is employed by Vos Dominicans to make propaganda breadcasts to Cuba nightly. Toresa and LIFAIL's mother are close friends. Another who warmed LIFAIL, was Julio ELIZALDE, Cuban, living in the Pas Hotel. Julio is a brother of Pio ELIZALDE, former Minister of War in Cuba. LIFAIL stated that Santiago RIN, Pio ELIZALES and Eastiago ALVAREZ (LIFAIL's uncle, in Mexico City) control or at least have a great deal to do - with the Cuban exiles in Mexico.

ll. LIFAIL was again taken out late at night and allowed to call Julio FLIZALDS. The latter egid that one CANDARA (fmu), then in Julio's room at the hotel, had something for LIPAIL. CANDARA asked that LIFAIL come to the hotal but 003 would not permil it. LIFAIL said he did not know GANDARA. LIPAIL said he supposed that CANDARA had a letter and possibly some money for him, from LIPAIL's uncle, Santings ALTAREZ. (This was picked up the night before LIFAIL departed, at the residence of FARAMA, whore Julio ELIZALDE was located. It proved to be a letter and some money from Santiago ALVAREZ).

12. COS hald a conforcace with Captain MICHAELS of the 1939 WWAY on the mich of 12 September 1959. This was arranged through the U.S. Eaval Attacks, who reacted the Captain's Executive officer. The Captain cent his gig for COS and extended every courtesy abourd his chip. MACHAELS corved at one time as head of the U.S. Eaval Missi at Caracas. After a few opening remarks by 603, the Captain cald, by an exact be 643.0 This was admitted. The Captain was told essential facts without unaccessary detailes. lio was told that we had a young man on our hands whose passport had been stelling what the man was a Cuban and was cortainly subject to arrest and imprisonment by Bominison authorities if we did not get him out. The Captain asked if the request made of Ma tas incom to the Chief of Micelan. COI stated that the Chief of Micelan had been informed by 003 that he would wielt him (Captain), but the action being taken was cololy that of CO3; that noither the Chief of Mission nor the Mesion could be involved. (The Chief of Hispica had previously so advised GD). The Captain was asked to take LIVAIL abound, just before the chip called on the following Kenday morning, drawed in a sailor's stilt, and allow him to leave the thip at Guardamese Bay. This was discussed thoroughly. The Captain said that the Chief of Hissian would be absard the chip next day for lunch; that all he wanted was a "knowing maile" from the Galof of Mission. Late the following afternoon, Sunday, 13 September, the Chief of Mission informed 000 that the plan did not go through; that it had to be abandoned. The peccibility of flying LIFAIL out in the Eaval Mission plane was discussed with the Chief of Micsion, but his position was that maither he nor any element of the Mission could participate in the matter, and that COS should handle the problem-

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13. It is undoubtedly true that Cantlago REF's friendship for Oliver CALFORD to the catalyst in the actions taken to evacuate LIFAIL. CALFORD to REF to Fred EDEQUE to FIRE Soca to FIREAZA and the chain. COS had a long talk with FIREAZA and FIREE Soca on the afternoon of 19 September 1939. FREE Soca is a trouble sheeter and contact can for the Generalisates. As such he deals a great deal with AEDES. After such talk and several rounds of straight thickey, FIREAZA finally consented to agree to the documentation and departure of LIFAIL. When COS oppressing FIREAZA and FIREZ Soca, the matter of LIFAIL's departure had not been decided. FIREAZA the students and FIREZ Soca was wary. There had to be much said by COS about, "as one coldier to another," and "honor between old coldiers", oto. The break seemed to come when COS caid, "Caneral, I would have done this for your con". (The loss of his con is a tender opet.) The General gulped a straight obet of thiskey and lowered his head on his hands. He caid, "Take the boy, he is an 'overla cutture's and lowered his head times and told that COS knew LIFAIL when the latter worked for EAC in Eavana (which is not true).

14. On the corning of 21 September, not having heard from FEMAZA over the washend, 600 visited ABHED. (FEMAZA called later and said he had seen ABHED). ABHED solved carry questions about LIFAIL, which were either answered factually without any violation of security, or successfully evaded. He stated trace that he had information indicating that LIFAIL was a fidelist. This was vigorously denied. After a conference of ever an hour AFHED said he would approve the documentation and departure of LIFAIL, and would so notify the Said of Language, while (Whied was then at a hospital where his wife was giving bigth to a baby. The Station promptly sent flowers to have UNIES). ABBED was also assured that 600 knew LIFAIL when the latter was exployed by ERAC.

15. As seen as URIES was available, the slew and sumbersome procedure of documentation was begun. LIVAIL was issued on International Passport one and the partit. He gave his ago as 24 and his coordation as "student". While 693 was truey with one clerk LIVAIL told enother clerk that he was going to Miani and Mexico City. This could not be changed, although it was tried. 603 had hoped to show that LIVAIL was going to Miani only, on a tourist visa.

Is. At the U.S. Conculate, discussion having been previously had with the Consul a Vice Consul put a transit vice in LIFAIL's passport. Request was used for a teurist vice without success. The question of LIVAIL not inving a Maxican vice was the discussed with the Vice Consul. His answer was "got your can on the way and don't bother about a Maxican vice. He emplained that to apply for a Maxican vice would come coveral days before its icsusce and that the Maxican Embassy would quie LIFAIL thereughly as to thy he had come to the Deminican Republic, why he had been in Maxica and why he

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wanted to return to Mexico, and probably ask other questions, "that you (003) don't care to have answered". Therefore, the idea of a Mexican vica was dropped. The Consul stated that unless he cent LIFAIL's application for a vica to Washington for clearance, 603 would have to furnish the Consul a memorandum containing the statements he opposited. The memorandum was furnished and a carbon copy is attached for Headquarter's information.

17. At the Fan American Aircays ticket office the manager is a Dominican. After a case-my ticket to Minimi had been purchased from one of the clorks the asked as questions, the manager picked up the documents, reviewed them and said, This man is going to Mexico. He does not have a Mexican vice and he is not ticketed to Mexico. 603 offered to buy a ticket on through to Mexico City, but the Manager said that could not be done without the Mexican vice. 603 then offered to buy LIVAIL a recommendation of Guidal Trujillo to Minai and return, but the manager refused because LIVAIL had a transit vice and not a tourist vice. 603 then identified himself so an embassy officer, and explained that LIVAIL would be not by a U.S. official in Minai who would take core of getting a Mexican vice and ticketing LIVAIL on to Mexico City. The manager than demanded a letter, on Mission letterhead, the terms of which he stated, to protect FAA against the possibility of a \$1000 fine. He would not release the ticket without the letter. 603 prepared the letter and delivered it. It is hepsel that (as requested in [MUJ]OMA) Missi representation squared this with the appropriate officials in Michai. Otherwise, the fine might be assessed and the letter given FAA by 603 would be brought into the open. There was no other course to take under the circumstances. A copy of the letter is ettached for Headquarter's information.

13. When LIFAIL was at the sirport for departure, General FilhAIA and at least fifteen other Gubans were on hand to see him off. One Guban seked LIFAIL, what would you charge for the secreta. COS modded to FILMAIA and stood in the background. When LIFAIL loft he had \$50 U.S. dollars and \$2 Desinican Pesco. (This was made up of the balance of his original \$100, plus the remainder of \$100 he had received from his unals in Miami, out of which he paid off some indebtedness to FILMAIA's secretary, which was not questioned).

19. LIFAIL to quiesed thoroughly and often as to that he may have learned at hos Calderso, in Guidad Frujillo, and from other Cubans in general. It appears that he learned little, unless he chose to receive his revelations for persons in Mexico City. He said his emperions at hes Calderse was dull and that he missed very little with others; that it was training, enting and eleoping; that he did not go to General and known nothing about it; that there is no Guban emile leadership of consequence in the Deminican Republic other than FERRAZA, to his knowledge. He expressed the idea that as fantings REF did not return to Guidad Trujillo, REF and FERRAZA may have had differences. He had no evidence of this. LIFAILS confidence of a successful invasion of Guba by emiles is core. It appears that the time he opent in the Deminican Republic was unpreditable. It can be sumed up, in so for as this Station income, as training with emiles, during which he learned nothing of intelligence value, and five weeks of idlences during which he suffered anxiety over his stolen passport and possible arrest with its feared consequences.

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- 2. Letter to Consul requesting visa
- 3. Latter to PAA

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For vine a la Embajada a reportar el robo de mi pacaporte, el cual fue ucado por alguien para viajar a los Estados Unidos. Encentró al señor Reed en la Embajada a quién habia conscido en La Habana dende trabajó con ERAC. El señor Reed dijo que él mandaria mensajos a los Estados Unidos para ayudaras a conseguir mi pasaporte.

No pido asilo y no lo necesito. Per falta de dinero y debido a mi amistad con el señer Reed, él ma ofreció hospedaje en su casa por unos días durante sus averiguaciones sobre mi pasaporte como un favor que él ma concede.

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Hr. Harry Lofton, U.D. Consul Ciucad Frujillo

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B. DIR 03390, 6 December 62

C. DIR 03464, 6 December 62

D. DIR 16625, 9 February 63

1. The following individuals were on a standby basis with the AMTABBY Group and have been terminated effective 1 May 1963.

Jose Miguel CARVAJAL Gonzalez 201-291915 Armando CABALLERO Parodi 201_x284805 Antonio SOTO Vazquez 201-294544 Alberto PEREZ Martinez 201-282574

2. CABALLERO, SOTO and PEREZ have been granted POAH per Refs B, C and D respectively. A POA was requested for CARVAJAL per Ref A. It is requested that their POAs be cancelled.

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